Minutes of the Meeting of Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council held in the Parish Rooms, Crosthwaite on Tuesday 06 March 2018 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Cllr Bruce Worsley (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Evelyn Brookes Cllr Matthew Dobson (*)
Cllr Mary Harkness Cllr Roger Smith

Invited:

Cllr Jim Bland - County Council Representative
Cllr John Holmes - District Council Representative

AGENDA

1. Apologies

Cllr Robert Sykes

2. Declaration of interest

The Clerk asked for declarations of interest and None were given

3. Dispensations

None had been asked for.

4. Minutes of the previous meetings held on 06 February 2018

The minutes had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. It was **proposed** that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and the minutes were signed by the Chairman

5. Chairman's Announcements

None

6. Open Session

Mr Daniel Dobson spoke regarding his planning application (Item 8c). He will be putting in a bore hole to provide an additional water source. The development of the barns was primarily to save them as they are not ideal for modern farming. He will be looking to modernise the farm, locate it away from the hamlet, and this development will help finance that move.

7. Reports

a. County Councillor Jim Bland

There has been a running battle with potholes. Mireside drain has been located and awaiting the jetting machine. Alan Fawcett is cutting back hedges in the Lyth Valley.

b. District Councillor Jon Holmes

A report had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting which covered matters including the Customer Contact Program, the revised Ward boundaries, LIP Grant funds, Council Tax the Green Tem, Single use plastic, the LAP meeting, and Road Closures. He also said that SLDC have suspended Green Bin collections temporarily so that they can catch up with collections delayed by the bad weather.

c. Clerk

The Clerk confimed that he had carried out his usual duties amounting to 16 hours over the month.

d. Police, PCSO

No report

8. Planning

a. 7/2018/5078

Location: Land at West View, Crosthwaite, LA8 8HX

Proposal: Development of 3 no. local occupancy houses – development without compliance with condition 1 of previous approval 7/2017/5426 to allow amended window and door materials and changes to south west elevation

It was **proposed** that the council has no objection to this application.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal

b. 7/2018/5080

Location: Land at wood Yeat, Crosthwaite LA8 8HX

Proposal: Detached dwelling

It was **proposed** that the council has no objection to this application and that it is subject to the Local Occupancy Clause.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal with the understanding that the dwelling has Local Occupancy attached to it as has been stated.

c. 7/2018/5094

Location: Broad Oak Farm, Crosthwaite LA8 8JL Proposal: Conversion of barn into two dwellings

It was **proposed** that the council has no objection to this application.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal with the understanding that the dwellings have Local Occupancy attached to them.

d. 7/2018/5118

Location: Dawson Fold House, Crosthwaite, LA8 8DE

Proposal: Refurbishment of the existing house including replacement of windows, re slating roof and removal of existing chimney. A new 2 storey extension consisting of a kitchen dining room and utility room on the ground floor. A bedroom and 'en suite' on the first floor. A new garage and shed and reconfigured driveway.

It was **proposed** that the council has no objection to this application.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal

9. Finance

a. Bank balance @ 22 – 12 -17 £8383.02 Business act

£ 470.58 Business Savings Acct

The Clerk confirmed the above balances and had circulated copies of the Cash Book and Income and Expenditure account to councillors prior to the meeting.

b. Martin French (Wages) £ 132.64 (16hours)

c. It is **proposed** that above payments are made, and receipts recorded

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal.

10. To receive applications for the Casual Vacancy

a. Mr Martin Douglas OBE

Mr Douglas spoke outlining his background in agriculture and community experience.

b. Mr Gordon Howarth

Mr Howarth spoke outlining his experience in teaching and administration experience.

c. Mrs Tracy Johnson

Mist Johnson spoke outlining her history within Crosthwaite and Lyth

It was **proposed** (BW prop MH sec) that the public are excluded while the Council discuss and vote on the applicants

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and all people, other than the Council and Clerk were escorted to the Church.

d. To vote on the applicants for the vacancy

The councillors discussed each candidate with a vote being taken at the end giving a majority verdict in favour of Mr Douglas OBE

It was **proposed** (prop MH sec MD) that Martin Douglas is co-opted onto the Council.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and co-opt Martin Douglas onto the council.

e. To read the result and thank the applicants

Members of the public were invited to return to the meeting, whereupon the Clerk read the result. He thanked all applicants saying that the Council was pleased to see such a high quality of applicants.

f. To invite the successful applicant to join the meeting Mr Martin Douglas was invited to join the Council. The Clerk stated that he had no voting rights for this meeting.

11. To consider a Litter Pick through the Parish

It was **proposed** (MH prop and MD sec) that she would organise a Litter Pick on behalf of the Council.

The Council RESOLVED to accept the proposal with the organisation details as follows:-

Cllr Mary Harkness will co-ordinate the pick and has equipment.

To be carried out during the second week of May (Mon 05 to Sun 11 May).

Cllr Eve Brooks will organise the rota and the poster with contact details.

John Holmes will provide additional kit if required.

The Clerk is to notify the Parish Magazine and Web site.

12. Update on the Village Walkway

There is nothing happening at the moment as Cllr Roger Smith is waiting to hear if he has been successful with the LIP grant application. SDLC Cllr John Holmes confirmed that SLDC has made an award of £1250 from the LIP fund towards the walkway.

13. Response regarding Gilpin Bridge junction closure letters.

A response from Highways England has been received confirming that closure was asked for by the Police. No written details have been received from the Police but the Clerk has had a conversation with them and is awaiting a reply.

To be added to April Agenda

14. Update on the sale of land at Tarnside

Nothing to report at this time

15. Update on Village Green boundaries

Nothing to report at this time.

16. Update on verge damage to village green

John Holmes is awaiting a reply regarding this.

17. Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was **proposed** to follow the normal format and invite parish clubs and associations to provide a report; in addition asking Castles and Coast to give a presentation on their Crosthwaite development.

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal and asked the Clerk to contact Castles and Coast.

18. Response regarding Local Occupancy letters

A reply had been received from Mr McGowan but none from Mr Leafe or Mr McKinley. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of complaint that neither the CEO nor Chairman of LDNPA has replied to Council letters.

It was **proposed** that Mary Harkness telephones Mr McGowan regarding his reply and the issues with the Local Occupancy Clause.

19. To appoint a Data Protection Officer

This matter was deferred until the next meeting

20. To consider the Low Fell (Barkbooth) Management Plan (consultation)

The Council had no comment to make on these proposals.

21. Communications

- a. Westmorland Gazette
 The co-option of a new councillor.
- b. Parish News
 The Litter Pick. The co-options of a new councillor. The Parish Meeting and speaker.

22. Date of Next Meeting

(*) bank signatories

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Notice boards: Bowland Bridge Old Post Office, Crosthwaite

Memorial Hall Near The Smithy

Lyth Valley Road